

RESTORE Act Project and Program Submission Form Council-Selected Restoration Component Initial Phase

Submission for the Council-Selected Restoration Component – Initial Funded Priorities List

Deadline: September 30, 2014

Enacted in July 2012, the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act) dedicates 80 percent of certain Clean Water Act administrative and civil penalties related to the Deepwater Horizon spill to a Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund to be utilized to restore and protect the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, coastal wetlands, and economy of the Gulf Coast region.

In order to carry out certain functions of the RESTORE Act, Congress established a Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (the Council), comprised of governors from the five affected Gulf States, Secretaries from the U.S. Departments of the Interior, Commerce, Agriculture, and Homeland Security, the department in which the Coast Guard is operating as well as the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Council is tasked with publishing a Comprehensive Plan under which the Council will select and fund projects and programs for ecosystem restoration in the Gulf Coast region (the Council-Selected Restoration Component of the RESTORE Act).

Each of the five affected Gulf States are able to submit projects and/or programs to be considered for RESTORE Act funding; eligible proposals may include both projects and programs. The State of Louisiana is soliciting public input, including proposals for consideration to be included in the projects/programs that the State will submit to the Council for consideration. The initial suite of projects and programs prioritized for funding under this component will be funded with available funds from Transocean Deepwater, Inc., totaling approximately \$150-\$180 million. The State of Louisiana is accepting project and/or program submissions; however the State intends to prioritize projects and programs included the 2012 Coastal Master Plan. Project and/or program proposals must be submitted by September 30, 2014 in order to be considered for this phase of funding.

In order for projects/programs to be eligible for consideration, they must satisfy one or more of the restoration priorities required by the RESTORE Act, be consistent with one of the Council-selected focus areas, and satisfy at least one of the RESTORE Act and Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives.

Proposal Deadline

To submit a proposal, complete the following form and email it to coastal@la.gov by September 30, 2014. Please note, incomplete proposals or those received after September 30, 2014 will not be eligible for consideration in the initial phase.

RESTORE Act Project and Program Submission Form

Projec	t/Program Title	:	-
Contac	t information:		
	Name:		
	Address:		
	Phone:		
	Email:		
I.	Proposal Ev	valuation Criteria	
(A). Sta	ntutory Restora	tion Priorities (select one or more):	
2.	Projects that are projected to make the greatest contribution to restoring are protecting the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife heaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region, without regard to go location within the Gulf Coast region. Large-scale projects and programs that are projected to substantially contributes restoring and protecting the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast ecosystem. Projects contained in existing Gulf Coast State comprehensive plans for the rand protection of natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region. Projects that restore long-term resiliency of the natural resources, ecosystem marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands most impacted in Deepwater Horizon oil spill.		
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(C) Comprehensive Plan Goals:					
Please select a <u>single</u> primary goal. <i>Please note that goal number 5</i> <u>is not eligible</u> for selection					
as the single primary goal. Multiple secondary goals are encouraged to be identified.					
1. Restore and Conserve Habitat – Restore and conserve the health, diversity, and					
resilience of key coastal, estuarine, and marine habitats.					
2. Restore Water Quality – Restore and protect water quality of the Gulf Coast region's					
fresh, estuarine, and marine waters.					
3. Replenish and Protect Living Coastal and Marine Resources – Restore and protect					
healthy, diverse, and sustainable living coastal and marine resources.					
4. Enhance Community Resilience – Build upon and sustain communities with capacity to					
adapt to short- and long-term changes.					
5. Restore and Revitalize the Gulf Economy – Enhance the sustainability and resiliency of					
the Gulf economy.					
(D). Comprehensive Plan Objectives:					
Please select a single primary objective. Multiple secondary objectives are encouraged to be					
identified.					
1. Restore, Enhance, and Protect Habitats					
2. Restore, Improve, and Protect Water Resources					
3. Protect and Restore Living Coastal and Marine Resources					
4. Restore and Enhance Natural Processes and Shorelines					
5. Promote Community Resilience					
6. Promote Natural Resource Stewardship and Environmental Education					
7. Improve Science-Based Decision-Making Processes					
II. <u>Project and/or Program Description</u>					
Project and/or Program Summary: (Explain how the proposed project and/or program will					
satisfy the goals, objectives, and commitments required by the RESTORE Act and					
Comprehensive Plan.)					

III.	Maps & Figures	
Map 1:		
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Map 2:		
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Figure 1:		



Figure 3:

Shapefile: (if applicable)

IV. **Project and Program Attributes** Project/Program Type: _____ Parish: Location: a) Latitude: b) Longitude: Project/Program Features: Budget: • Estimated Planning Cost: • Estimated Engineering Cost: • Estimated Construction Cost:

• Estimated Total Cost: